

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of collecting capacity planning data for a plurality of client machines at a central collection location, said method comprising:

collecting [client management] at least performance monitoring data and capacity planning data at two or more of the plurality of client machines, at least the performance monitoring data being collected at a first time interval;

01 storing at least the [client management] performance monitoring data in a cache at each of the two or more client machines for a selected time interval, the selected time interval being greater than the first time interval;

averaging at least the cached [client management] performance monitoring data at each of the two or more client machines over the selected time interval, wherein at least the [client management] performance monitoring data collected at each of the two or more client machines is also stored and averaged at each such respective client machine; and

transmitting at least the averaged [client management] performance monitoring data as at least part of the capacity planning data to the central collection location.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Presently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said collecting step includes collecting [client management] at least one of performance monitoring data and capacity planning data for a plurality of clients.

4. (Cancelled) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is collected at a first time interval.

5. (Presently amended) The method as recited in claim [4] 1, wherein the selected time interval is at least twice as long as the first time interval.

6. (Presently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein at least the [client management] performance monitoring data is stored in one or more tables in the cache.

7. (Presently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein at least the [client management] performance monitoring data is stored in one or more allocated portions of memory.

8. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

collecting [client management] at least performance monitoring data and capacity planning data at two or more of the plurality of client

machines, at least the performance monitoring data being collected at a first time interval;

storing at least the [client management] performance monitoring data in a cache at each of the two or more client machines for a selected time interval, the selected time interval being greater than the first time interval;

averaging at least the cached [client management] performance monitoring data at each of the two or more client machines over the selected time interval, wherein at least the [client management] performance monitoring data collected at each of the two or more client machines is also stored and averaged at each such respective client machine; and

transmitting at least the averaged [client management] performance monitoring data as at least part of the capacity planning data to the central collection location.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable components comprising:

a plurality of client collection components for collecting [client management] at least performance monitoring data and capacity planning data at two or more of a plurality of client machines, at

least the performance monitoring data being collected at a first time interval;

a plurality of client caching components for storing at least the [client management] performance monitoring data at each of the two or more client machines for a selected time interval, the selected time interval being greater than the first time interval;

a plurality of averaging components for averaging at least the cached [client management] performance monitoring data over the selected time interval at each of the two or more client machines, wherein at least the [client management] performance monitoring data collected at each of the two or more client machines is also stored and averaged at each such respective client machine; and

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a plurality of transmission components for transmitting at least the averaged [client management] performance monitoring data as at least part of the capacity planning data to a central collection location.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the transmission components transmit [raw client management] at least one of the performance monitoring data and the capacity planning data upon occurrence of an event.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the event is exceeding of one or more performance thresholds.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable modules comprising:

means for collecting [client management] at least performance monitoring data and capacity planning data, at least the performance monitoring data being collected at a first time interval;

means for storing at least the [client management] performance monitoring data for a selected time interval, the selected time interval being greater than the first time interval;

means for separately averaging at least the stored [client management] performance monitoring data over the selected time interval; and

means for transmitting at least the averaged [client management] performance monitoring data as at least part of the capacity planning data to a central location.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the transmission means transmits [raw client management] at least one of the performance monitoring data and capacity planning data upon occurrence of an event.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the event is exceeding of one or more performance thresholds.

19. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a data structure comprising a data field containing capacity

planning data which represents averaged performance monitoring data collected over a period of time, wherein the performance monitoring data is converted into capacity planning data before the data structure is transmitted to a central collection location for capacity planning purposes.

20. (Previously Presented) The media of claim 8, wherein the media is coupled with a computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment.

21. (Cancelled) The media of claim 8, wherein the client management data is collected at a first time interval.

22. (Previously Presented) The media of claim 21, wherein the selected time interval is at least twice as long as the first time interval.

23. (Currently amended) The media of claim 8, wherein at least the [client management] performance monitoring data is stored in one or more tables in the cache.

24. (Currently Amended) The media of claim 8, wherein at least the [client management] performance monitoring data is stored in one or more allocated portions of memory.
